
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, CREEK FIRE DAM 6 EMERGENCY DEBRIS BARRIERS PROJECT (WDID#5B10CR00099), FRESNO COUNTY

On 5 November 2020, the Southern California Edison (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board staff has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the Creek Fire- Dam 6 Emergency Debris Barriers Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage.

The Applicant is responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to install two floating debris barriers and associated anchors and improve the existing Big Creek Powerhouse No. 8 tailrace access ramp to remove woody debris from upstream of Dam 6. The purpose of the Project is to capture and remove debris upstream of the dam and downstream of the confluence of Big Creek and the San Joaquin River, to protect the dam and associated hydroelectric facilities from potential debris flows associated with the Creek Fire, which

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has burned over 370,000 acres to date. The Project will temporarily impact 0.19 acre(s)/195 linear feet.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is in the forebay just upstream of the Big Creek Dam 6, in Fresno and Madera Counties, adjacent to Big Creek Powerhouse No. 8. The Project area can be accessed using the existing access road 8S03A. The Project area is located at latitude 37.210466 degrees and longitude -119.329686 degrees.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Proposed start date: 6 November 2020.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A fee of \$1,949 was received on 5 November 2020. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form. Please email the NOT form to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov and copy Matt Scroggins at Matt.Scroggins@waterboards.ca.gov.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Debra Mahnke by phone at (559) 445-6281 or by email at Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

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